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1. On 27 January 1951, 12 single-engine, aircraft were seen on the Koethen (M 52/D 95) airfield. There was no flying. Almost no flights were made at the field during the preceding days. *
2. On 1 February, one twin-engine LI-2 transport was standing on the western end of the runway. The plane took off at about 11 a.m. and made local flights until noon. It approached the field but did not land there. Single-engine aircraft were parked in an open hangar. The number of planes in the hangar could not be determined. There was no flying until 4 p.m. *
3. No radio installations were seen at the field. A railroad tank car was being emptied at the fuel dump. A tank truck was seen moving from the fuel dump to the open hangar. Two temporary buildings, each about 3x10x25 meters, were in the southeastern corner of the field. Bombs, about 1.2 meters long and about 50 cm in diameter, were piled on sleds between the temporary buildings. There was a protective roof between the temporary buildings under which about 100 boxes, with five missiles in each, were stored. The dump was strictly guarded and surrounded by lights.
4. Four soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets practiced aiming with 20-mm AA guns on the northeastern section of the field, north of the firing range. About 120 soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets practiced sharpshooting with carbines on the firing ranges in the northeastern section of the field. Farther to the south, about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered, black epaulets practiced the laying of telephone cables.

* Comment. One ground attack regiment and the ground attack aircraft of the air reconnaissance regiment are believed to be stationed in Koethen. The report does not indicate that the occupation strength has been changed.

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